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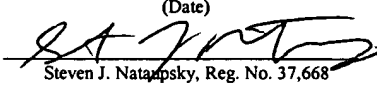
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to revive the above-referenced unintentionally abandoned patent application. On October 31, 2001, Patent Application No. 10/003,782 was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. This application included a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(I) to withhold the application from publication.

On October 31, 2002, PCT Application No. PCT/US02/35282 was timely filed with the European Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, the expiration of forty-five (45) days from the date of filing the PCT Application was Saturday, December 15, 2002, in order for Applicant to rescind the request for nonpublication made under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i). The Rescindment of Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(B)(2)(b)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.213(b) is being filed herewith, one business day after the forty-five (45) day deadline.

The entire delay between the forty-five (45) day deadline and the filing of this petition was unintentional. The filing of the Rescindment of Nonpublication Request document herewith satisfies the reply requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 137(c), in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 137(f).

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Applicants respectfully request that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/003,782 be returned to pending status and assigned to an Examiner for further consideration.

Enlosed is a check for \$640 for the petition fee.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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